

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Improvisation on “Waterlife” .....Matthew Phelps

Welcome.....Brandon Baxter  
*Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.*

Introit: Come, Ye That Love The Lord.....arr. Alice Parker

† Processional Hymn No. 152.....Forest Green  
I Sing the Almighty Power of God

† Call to Worship.....Erin Racine  
Liturgist: *Come and join the expectant crowd!*  
People: **Jesus, we are here and ready to follow!**  
Liturgist: *The cost is high and the journey difficult.*  
People: **By your grace, make us disciples of your way.**

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)  
**God of Goodness and Grace,**  
**we know your perfect love through Jesus the Christ,**  
**the One who laid down life itself for the sake of the world.**  
**We confess that we tremble at the thought of such absolute surrender.**  
**So often our notions of happiness and fulfillment**  
**insist that we avoid burden or sacrifice.**  
**We admit we want an easy path that leads to safety and salvation,**  
**yet Jesus requires disciples to take up the cross.**  
**We wonder what this means.**  
**We think, “Surely we cannot be anything like Jesus.”**  
**Each day we overlook endless opportunities**  
**to reorient our lives around your self-giving**  
**and sacrificial love.**  
**Forgive us when we count the cost too great**  
**to love our world and our neighbors as you have loved us.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance  
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*  
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**  
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace  
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination.....Jenny Charles  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may**  
**hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

A lesson from the New Testament: Luke 14:25-33.....(pew Bible, page 850)

Response to the Lesson  
Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71  
*The children are invited to join Brandon at the chancel during the singing of the Gloria Patri for the Children's Moment.*

**Glory be to the Father**  
**and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and ever shall be**  
**world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Sermon: At Cross-Purposes.....Brandon Baxter

† Affirmation of Faith.....No. 883

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Parker

Salutation  
Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**  
**Amen.**

Offertory: The Road Home.....Stephen Paulus  
Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago? All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of dawn, through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song; there is no such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.  
*(Michael Dennis Browne)*

† Doxology.....No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below:**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 559.....Westminster Abbey  
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Grant Us, O God.....Thomas Tallis

Voluntary: Postlude on Westminster Abbey.....Richard Proulx  
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited rise in body or in spirit.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services and worship events.*

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The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marie and Buck Cowan, by their son Tommy Cowan.

The flowers in Reed Hall are placed in celebration of the marriage of church members Derek Dean and Kimberly deMent on September 21st, 2019, and in honor of their families.

Anne Walton Herbert, daughter of Erik Regis Herbert and Rachel Jones Herbert, will be presented for baptism today at the late service.



Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

**Sunday Activities**

- Service Times.....8:45 and 11 a.m.
- Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
- Youth Choir Rehearsal and Youth Handbell Rehearsals.....12:15 - 1 p.m.
- Adult Handbells.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Youth Small Groups.....5 - 7 p.m.

**Weekly Activities**

- Meal.....Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Class Offerings.....Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- Children’s Choir.....Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....Thursdays, 7:15pm - 9:15 p.m.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services! However if needed childcare is available during worship for children 5 and under on the 1st floor in the following rooms: infants 105, toddlers 104, twos and threes 110, and fours and fives 112. If you prefer to step out of the service, worship is live-streamed in Bishop's Parlor.

An accessible, all-gender restroom is available in Bishop’s Parlor. This single-stall restroom includes a diaper changing station and assistance railing.

Building Tours are offered on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM, or immediately following the early service. Meet at the Welcome Center in Reed Hall, through the side doors of the Sanctuary.

For a complete listing and additional information on Sunday and Weekly Activities, please visit [www.westendumc.org](http://www.westendumc.org) or see the bulletin insert.

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Head Usher: Byron Burrus  
Cover art: Charles Hooper  
Liturgy: Brandon Baxter

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Scott Brons, conductor. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps, organist-director.

Today’s Music: Isaac Watts wrote the original text for "I Sing the Almighty Power of God," in eight four-line stanzas for his *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language, for the Use of Children*, published in 1715. It was the second song in the collection, under the title "Praise for Creation and Providence." In his preface, Watts wrote, "the Children of high and low degree, of the Church of England, or Dissenters, baptized in infancy, or not, may all join together in these Songs. And as I have endeavored to sink the language to the level of a Child’s understanding, and yet to keep it (if possible) above contempt: so I have designed to profit all (if possible) and offend none."

**West End United Methodist Church**

**PASTORAL STAFF**

- Members of West End United Methodist Church..... Ministers
- Carol Cavin-Dillon.....Senior Pastor
- Erin Racine .....Pastor of Hospitality & Congregational Care
- Brandon Baxter.....Pastor & Coordinator of Spiritual Formation
- Maggie Jarrell ..... Pastor of Children & Family Ministries
- Stacey Harwell-Dye ..... Pastor of Missions & Outreach
- Nancy Parker.....Pastor of Young Adults & Vandy Wesley

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- Matthew Phelps.....Minister of Music
- Andrew Risinger ..... Associate Minister of Music
- Emily C. Robbins.....Minister of Youth
- Shelley Kuhlmeier.....Communications Director
- Don Marler.....Minister of Music Emeritus

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- Sandra Durbin.....Church Financial Officer
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- Jim Raver.....Property Operations Manager
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- Julie Catterton.....Assistant to Senior Pastor
- Karina Gurgenedze.....Childcare Coordinator
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- Chase Bencin.....Media Coordinator
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**WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES**

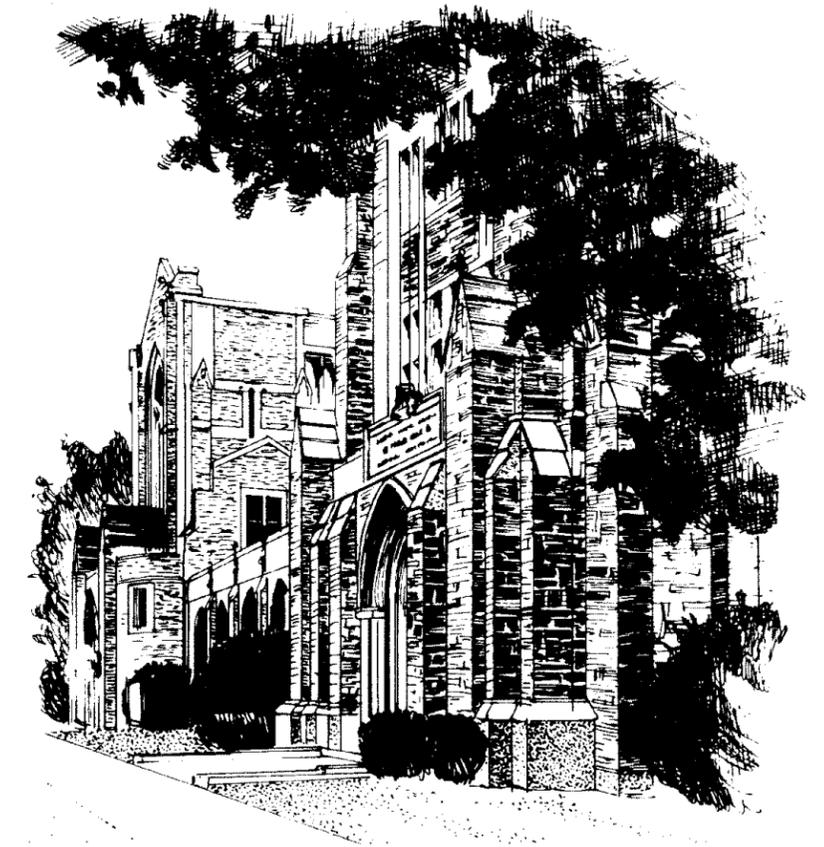
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- Jayson Hamilton.....Assistant Director
- Ken Nelson.....Receptionist and Preschool Assistant

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- Katie Minnis.....Young Adult & Spiritual Formation
- Scott Brons.....Music
- Rachel Ternes.....Youth
- Heather Helton.....Congregational Care

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**WEST END**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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